

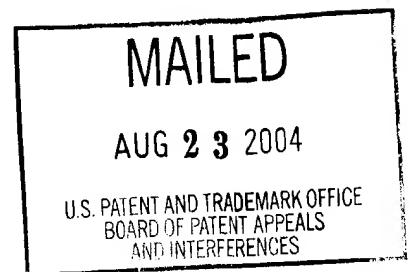
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Ex parte OLIVER P. PEOPLES,
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Application No. 09/364,847



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 7, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

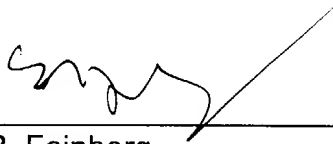
The Reply Brief dated December 2, 2003, states that "[a] Request for Oral Hearing accompanies this Reply along with the appropriate fee of \$145.00." [Emphasis added.] However, we were unable to locate the Request for Oral Hearing. Additionally, it does not appear that the Oral Hearing fee has been applied.

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ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for resolution of the above matters, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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